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Letter dated 13 February 2009 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1857 (2008) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, by which the Council requested that I extend, for a period expiring on 30 November 2009, the Group of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1771 (2007).

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consulting with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, I have appointed the following experts:

Raymond Debelle, Belgium (regional expert)
Christian B. Dietrich, United States of America (aviation)
Claudio Gramizzi, Italy (arms)

Mouctar Kokouma Diallo (Guinea) will continue to serve as the expert on customs. Dinesh Mahtani (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) will continue to serve as the finance expert. I have also selected Mr. Mahtani to serve as the Coordinator of the Group of Experts.

I would be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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